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April 15/1864

Agency for the Exposed District of Mississippi.

GOVERNMENT COTTONS.

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E. Mississippi
W. Alabama

1ST DISTRICT—PANOLA, LAFAYETTE, MARSHALL, DESOTA, TUNICA AND COAHOMA; office at OXFORD. Requests Paquet to fill this appointment

Agent,

N.W. Mississippi

2ND—TALLAHATCHIE, YALLABUSHA, SUNFLOWER, CARROLL AND BOLIVAR; office at GRENADA.

Agent, H. V. MCCALL.

3RD—YAZOO, HOLMES, MADISON, ISSAQUENA AND WASHINGTON; office at CANTON.

Agent, C. W. WOOD.

4TH—HINDS AND WARREN; office at ~~Rankin~~ Jackson ~~Mat.~~ Mf.

Agent, D. J. Brown Can. D. M. F. Brown

5TH—CLAIBORNE, JEFFERSON AND ADAMS; office at ~~Brookhaven~~ Gallatin Cobred C.

Agent, H. S. McKerson

6TH—FRANKLIN, AMITE AND WILKINSON, AND EAST LOUISIANA: office at WOODVILLE.

Agent, W. B. HAMILTON.

S. & S.W. Mississippi

7TH—LAURENCE, PIKE, SIMPSON, COVINGTON, MARION AND COPIAH; office at BROOKHAVEN.

Agent, R. G. LATTING.

1. Each agent shall keep an office in the District assigned to him, and at the point named, and shall at all times be accessible to persons having communications to make, in reference to Government Cotton in the District.
2. He shall keep a book, in which will be recorded a list of cottons purchased in the District, and shall enter upon it, in the proper place, all memoranda relating to the condition or circumstances of the cotton.
3. He shall *immediately* ascertain what lots or parts of lots still remain to the Government, and their condition, and in all cases of accident or loss of the cotton shall collect the evidence in regard to the same, acting in this regard under a circular from this office of the date April 4th. 1864, which is annexed.

Cotton Agent for Dist. under Col. Ogden
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4. He will investigate all cases of alledged fraud and make a minute investigation of the facts, and take steps for the conviction of the parties and to prevent its occurrence in future.

5. He will ascertain what cotton can yet be purchased in the District and the price, and report the same and purchase whenever ordered to do so by this office.

6. He shall be the medium of transferring the cotton of the District, to parties presenting the proper vouchers for the purpose, and shall do all acts necessary to the delivery of such cotton, and should Government stores be received in return, shall be the medium of transferring them to the proper Quartermasters, Commissaries, &c., with whom he will be in communication.

7. He shall report at least once a week fully, in regard to his operations, and shall keep himself within reach at all times of instructions and communications addressed to him by this office.

8. Failure to report for several successive weeks will be the ground for removal, and the substitution of another agent.

9. The agent of each District will be furnished with the names of the agents of the other Districts, and no power whatever will be delegated over the cottons in these Districts, except to their respective agents or to parties who will be required to report to and have their papers endorsed by these agents.

10. Agents will report to my office all offers (and the particulars) to purchase Government cotton for army stores or for sterling exchange.

11. Parties who have made use of Government cotton in any manner, will be required to replace it immediately in the original position, and no exchange of public for private cotton is authorized to be made.

J. D. B. DEBOW,

COLUMBUS, MISS., APRIL 15, 1864. Gen'l Agent.

PRODUCE LOAN OFFICE,
Columbus, Miss., April 4, 1864.

SIR:

You are requested to examine carefully into the condition of Government cottons in your County, a list of which is enclosed, and report to this office the facts.

Should the cotton be found insecurely sheltered or otherwise neglected or in bad condition, it is expected that you will notify the parties having charge of it to give the same immediate attention, under their contract to "take due and proper care of the cotton."

Should the said parties after reasonable notice, not take the necessary steps for the preservation of the cotton, you are empowered to have the matter attended to at the expense of the Government, and your duplicate vouchers will be paid by me. In such cases the parties will be held liable for the cost, except under circumstances of a very peculiar character.

What the Government expects is, that its coton shall be sheltered from the weather and from cattle, and where the bagging or rope have been removed by unauthorized parties or depredators, that the party in charge of it shall replace the same with boards and hoops, and where buildings are injured cause them to be repaired.

Agents are requested to ascertain and report all the facts connected with alledged loss of cotton from fire or any other cause, and in rebaling will use boards and hoops.

In cases where cotton is left upon abandoned estates, the agent will, if no arrangement can be made to place it in charge of some neighbor, cause the cotton to be removed to a secure location, taking the receipt of a responsible party who will undertake its custody.

J. D. B. DEBOW,
Gen'l Agent Produce Loan.

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